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DATE: March 16, 2009

TO: All Local Health Departments
Attn: Chief Food Specialist

FROM: A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS
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SUBJECT: Asia Cash and Carry Recalls Crown Farms Brand "Gulsha" Fish

Suggested Action: **Unclassified Recall; CROWN FARMS brand "GULSHA" Frozen Fish contaminated with *Salmonella*; Recommended in case of consumer inquiries.**

From the information provided by FDA, the product being recalled was distributed in the State of Michigan and Illinois and NOT in Indiana. CROWN FARMS brand "GULSHA" (Bangladeshi Freshwater Fish) Fish was distributed to retail stores. Please notify this office at 317-233-7360 if any recalled product is found.

Asia Cash and Carry Recalls Crown Farms Brand "Gulsha" Fish Because of Possible Health Risk

Contact:
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE -- Maspeth, New York -- March 13, 2009 -- Asia Cash & Carry Inc. in Maspeth, New York, is recalling 17 cases of CROWN FARMS brand "GULSHA" Frozen Fish (Bangladeshi Freshwater Fish) in 500 g packages with **production code AUG 2008** because the product has the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*. *Salmonella* is an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with *Salmonella* often experience fever, diarrhea (which may be bloody), nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain. In rare circumstances, infection with *Salmonella* can result in the organism getting into the bloodstream and producing more severe illnesses such as arterial infections (i.e., infected aneurysms), endocarditis and arthritis.

CROWN FARMS brand "GULSHA" (Bangladeshi Freshwater Fish) Fish was distributed to retail stores in New York, New Jersey, Illinois, Michigan and Virginia.

The GULSHA Frozen Fish was imported from Bangladesh, and distributed in cases containing vacuum-packed 500 gram packages with a **production date of AUG 2008**, expiration date **JULY 2010**, and UPC code 5 060065 430704. There are 16 - 500 gram packages per case.

No illnesses have been reported to date.

The recall is the result of sampling by the US Food and Drug Administration which revealed that the finished product contained the bacteria. The company had partially distributed the entry prior to FDA's findings.

Consumers who have purchased CROWN FARMS brand "GULSHA" Frozen Fish with production date of AUG 2008 and expiration date JULY 2010 are urged to return it to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions may contact the company at 1-718-894- 2505, Monday through Friday, 9 am - 4 pm EDT.

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